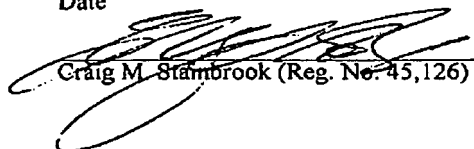


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AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

The instant paper is filed in response to the Office Action mailed 02/23/2005.

I. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

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Examiner's Indications

The Examiner has indicated that claims 1-10, 14-16, 19 and 20 are pending in the application; that claims 1-5, 7-10, and 14-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being

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